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The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group 1200, Art Unit 1211.

5        Claims 17-19, 21-25, 27, 44-46, 48-52, 54-56, 58, 61  
and 64 have been found allowable in view of applicant's submission  
of appropriate terminal disclaimers which have now been entered in  
the case. However, applicant is advised that the enclosed Reasons  
10        for Finding of Allowability is a step made in advance of the  
declaration of an expected interference. Applicant is advised further  
than no Notice of Allowance will be forthcoming prior to findings  
related to this matter by the Board of Appeals and Interferences.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for the Finding of Allowability:

15        The prior art of record does not disclose individually or in  
combination the claimed oligonucleoside phosphorothioates which are  
complementary to specific portions of the HIV genome or compositions  
containing said oligonucleoside phosphorothioates.

20        The prior art Cohen et al patents newly cited in the previous  
office action mailed April 16, 1996 are also not deemed to provide  
any basis for findings which differ from the above conclusion.  
However, because said art was deemed to be relevant to issues of  
interference, it was made of record in order to make the record  
complete.

25        Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be  
submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid

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processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


5 Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1200 via facsimile transmission(FAX). The transmission of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette (1096 OG 30, November 15, 1989). The telephone number for the FAX machines operated by Group 1200 are **(703) 308-4556**.

10 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner L. E. Crane whose telephone number is 703-**308-4639** . The examiner can normally be reached between 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

15 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Kight, can be reached at (703)-308-1235.

20 Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group 1200 receptionist whose telephone number is 703-**308-1235** .

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